

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to priority and receipt of the certified copy of the priority document. Further, it is noted with appreciation that the Examiner has accepted the drawings filed on September 1, 2006. Finally, Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 9, 2007 and January 8, 2009.

Claim Objection

Claim 6 is objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependent form. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 6 to be in proper multiple dependent claim form and respectfully requests the Examiner to examine this claim on its merits.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 4, 5, and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject invention. By this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claim 4 and amended claims 5 and 7-9 to overcome these rejections and respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,995,622 to Roussy et al. (hereinafter Roussy). Further, claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roussy in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,548,824 to Inubushi et al. (hereinafter Inubushi).

Independent Claim 1

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to recite

a rotate and slide mechanism which is capable of, after rotation of said
other projections of the portable terminal cradle device with respect to the
portable terminal engaged with the projections of the portable terminal cradle
device, sliding said other projections of the portable terminal cradle device into
the grooves in the lower end of the portable terminal²

and

two of the grooves in the upper end of the portable terminal and two of the
grooves in the lower end of the portable terminal are formed at four corners of the
portable terminal, said portable terminal cradle device holds the four corners of
the portable terminal.³

Applicant respectfully submits that neither Roussy nor Inubushi disclose or suggest either
of the above recitations.

Roussy does not disclose a rotate and slide mechanism because Roussy only discloses in
FIGs. 1 and 2 that the holder 1 comprises a pivotable holder part 9 which is pivotable relative to
the stationary holder part 5 about a holder axis 7 (column 3, lines 34-36). Specifically, by the
above Amendment, Applicant has distinguished between rotation and sliding, and it is after the
rotation that the rotate and slide mechanism slides the other projections into the grooves in the

² Support is found in the Specification at least at FIGs. 9-12 and page 8, lines 17-20.

³ Support is found in the Specification at least at FIGs. 9-12; page 6, lines 5-7; and page 2, lines 24-26.

lower end of the portable terminal. Accordingly, the pivotable holder part 9 does not correspond to the rotate and slide mechanism described in the amended claim 1.

Further, Inubushi does not disclose a rotate and slide mechanism because Inubushi only discloses in Figs. 5 and 6 that the battery pack 7a is capable of rotation. Therefore, the battery pack 7a does not correspond to the rotate and slide mechanism described in the amended claim 1.

Additionally, Roussy does not disclose forming 4 grooves at the corners of the portable terminal and holding the four corners. Specifically, there is only one recess 43 at one end of the telephone 3 which is not formed at a corner. Further, Inubushi does not cure the deficiencies of Roussy.

Since neither Roussy or Inubushi disclose all of the recitations of amended claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of independent claim 1 be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 7

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 7 into independent form and incorporated all of the recitations of former claims 1 and 4. Since the Examiner indicated that claim 7 would be allowable if it incorporated the recitations of claims 1 and 4, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7 is allowable.

Dependent Claims 2, 3, and 6-9

Since claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9 are dependent on claims 1, and 7 respectively, Applicant submits that claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has added new claims 10 and 11.

Claim 10 is written in independent form and incorporates all of the recitations of former claims 1 and 3. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 3 would be allowable if

rewritten in independent form. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10 is similarly allowable because it recites "wherein lock blocks are slid along an L-shaped folded portion formed in a slide plate of the rotate and slide mechanism to fix and release an L-shaped folded portion formed in a hinge" similar to claim 3.

Claim 11 depends from claim 1 and incorporates the recitations of dependent claim 2. Applicant submits that claim 11 is allowable at least by virtue of its dependency.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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